

## **COMMUNITIES, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Work Programme 2023/24**

#### **Remit of this Committee:**

The Committee brings together scrutiny of both the physical and skills aspects of economic regeneration, and the supporting work of services such as leisure, highways, housing, environmental services etc, that provide the opportunities for work and the improvement of life experiences for our communities.

1. To be responsible for scrutiny of partnerships or key contractors (for example, Rochdale Development Agency, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, Your Trust etc); Regeneration; Local Development Framework; Neighbourhoods and Communities; Housing; Environment; Highways and Licensing, and for overview of the respective Portfolio Holders and Directors.
2. To respond to consultation by Cabinet on relevant policy development proposals.
3. To scrutinise the in-year performance of relevant Council Services, partnership bodies and other appropriate bodies, in accordance with the Council's Quarterly Performance Management Framework and against approved Service Plans, where appropriate.
4. To scrutinise the discharge by the Responsible Authorities within Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership of their crime and disorder functions as set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006.
5. To instigate the appropriate action in response to adverse service performance.
6. To scrutinise inspection reports and associated action plans produced by external agencies (where appropriate to this Committee)
7. To review and scrutinise executive decisions where appropriate to this Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution, which have been called-in by Members of the Council.

8. To receive reports, where appropriate, from the Council’s representatives on outside bodies, and to direct representatives to report to the Council, where appropriate.
9. To commission, scope and oversee studies and reviews relating to relevant Council Services and issues directly affecting the Borough and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to the Cabinet arising from such studies and reviews
10. To consider Directorate Plans in line with Council Policy.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

Item	Purpose	Outcome
Report submission by 15 <sup>th</sup> May		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Directorate Plans Performance Report Quarter Four 2022/23	To review corporate performance reports	
Training - Role of Scrutiny	To inform Members on the role of scrutiny and its functions	
Work Programming Session	To select topics for scrutiny/review in 2023/24	

**1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023**

Item	Purpose	Outcome
Report submission by 20 <sup>th</sup> July		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Directorate Plans Performance Report Quarter One 2023/24		
Rochdale’s Safer Communities Partnership – including domestic abuse and community safety in	To talk about partnerships, work they do, targets they have, programme they are working on,	

general. Request Cabinet Member and GMP rep to attend.	community safety and domestic abuse (separate strategy to look at the statistics for Rochdale/ how these compare to other GM local authorities / Rochdale strategies/ approach to tackling domestic abuse), see a draft if strategy not ready. Who sets the agenda? Who monitor their progress, how Overview and Scrutiny will be able to monitor regularly their work.	
Council's Motion Tracker		
GMCA scrutiny minutes		
Rochdale Council's Key decision document		
CRE Work Programme 2023/24		

12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023

Item	Purpose	Outcome
<a href="#">Report submission by 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</a>		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Rochdale Town Hall reopening	What will look like and what ongoing plans are? Financial sustainable – difference to town centre? To examine: 1 - Reopening plan and 2 –long term business plan for town hall. Who will attend/users? who run catering, what events, what exhibitions, new event spaces?	

	content? How will be paid for? Business plan.	
Council's electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure strategy		
Places for Everyone Main Modifications	Consultation	
Council's Motion Tracker		
GMCA scrutiny minutes		
Rochdale Council's Key decision document		
CRE Work Programme 2023/24		

### 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023

Item	Purpose	Outcome
<a href="#">Report submission by 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</a>		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Directorate Plans Performance Report Quarter Two 2023/24		
RBH – chair and chief exc to be invited to review progress and transformation plans with RBH - if the chief exc is in post.	Detailing progression with the improvement plans and operational effectiveness in light of the Coroner's findings and issues raised by Members of the Committee (5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023)	
Council's Motion Tracker		
GMCA scrutiny minutes		
Rochdale Council's Key decision document		
CRE Work Programme 2023/24		

30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Item	Purpose	Outcome
<b>Report submission by 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Directorate Plans Performance Report Quarter Three 2023/24		
UK Share Prosperity Fund	End of year one – what have you achieved? How meets target sets? How compare with other LAs? What are the priorities ad why we picked these priorities in Rochdale and what we have achieved?	
Housing Task and Finish Group Report	Report of the Housing Task and Finish Group on data analysis and findings and for Committee to agree recommendations to Cabinet / Council	
Council's Motion Tracker		
GMCA scrutiny minutes		
Rochdale Council's Key decision document		
CRE Work Programme 2023/24		

5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024

Item	Purpose	Outcome
<b>Report submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>		
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Growth Company Annual Update		
Your Trust – Annual Update	Focus on culture, events communities and community engagement (input from Place Team)	
Highways – Annual Update		
Environmental Management Annual Update		
Council's Motion Tracker		
GMCA scrutiny minutes		
Rochdale Council's Key decision document		
CRE Work Programme 2023/24		

**Items to be scheduled subject to the Committee's agreement/prioritisation considerations:**

- Vacant commercial units in Rochdale (How many empty commercial units and what's the plan for tackling this issue? Data across council and private ownership. RDA – what's the plan to tackle this matter? Where is the need for commercial units? Empty shopping centres in Rochdale and Middleton)

**Agenda items prioritisation criteria:**

- Why is this item before Scrutiny?
- What is Scrutiny asked to do?
- How will this review by Scrutiny make a difference to those living or working in the Borough?
- How does this link with the Council's priorities?

## TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

<b>Housing</b>	Membership: Councillors Besford, A. Brown, A. Dearnley, A. Nisa, B. Place, J. West and D. Williams
	Scope: 1. Quantify scale of housing shortages and waiting list 2. Quantify options available to Council to meet the challenges 3. Review new Housing Allocation Policy; 4. Report back to main committee to agree recommendations for Cabinet / Council. 5. To meet with officers, providers, resident associations, GMCA/legal, relevant Cabinet Members.
	Timeline: to produce report for end of Jan 2024
<b>Climate Emergency Sub-Group</b>	Membership: CRE Committee Members plus Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
	Scope: to assist in ensuring that the Council realises its stated objective of “achieving net zero emissions for the borough by 2038”.
	Timeline: meet twice a year; minutes to be included in the agenda for main committee. Meetings:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023 at 6 p.m.</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 at 6 p.m.</li> </ul>